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SUBJECT: FY 76 IV PROGRAM: ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GROUP

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1. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GROUP INCLUDES FOUR INDIVIDUALS. ALL ARE MOST DESIROUS TO VISIT USA AND HAVE SET ETA OF MAY 16. POST SUGGESTS GROUP STAY TOGETHER FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE WORKING DAYS IN WASHINGTON, TRAVEL AS GROUP TO ATLANTA, THEN SEPARATE UNTIL COMING TOGETHER IN SAN FRANCISCO AND TRAVELING TOGETHER TO NEW YORK FOR PROGRAM FINALE. IN CITIES LISTED ABOVE PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE CULTURAL ASPECTS OF USA AS WELL AS ECONOMIC/ BUSINESS INTERESTS. GROUP WILL NOT REQUIRE ESCORTS SINCE ALL GRANTEES ARE SOPHISTICATED AND HAVE EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

2. AS GROUP, GRANTEES SHOULD RECEIVE OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF LEADING BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

3. AS GROUP, GRANTEES SHOULD OBSERVE BI-CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS. GROUP SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON POLITICAL PROCESSES AND OBSERVE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SELECTION IN ACTION AT CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS OR STATE CONVENTION. IN ATLANTA GROUP SHOULD RECEIVE BRIEFING ON NEW SOUTH WITH EMPHASIS ON RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. AFTER ATLANTA, INDIVIDUAL ITINERARIES SHOULD INCLUDE MID-UNCLASSIFIED

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WEST AND MOUNTAIN/SOUTHWEST CITIES.

5. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. ATO (MR.) BELETE MENKIR, DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, COMMERCIAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA: WANTS TO MEET COLLEAGUES IN INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND MONITORING EXCHANGE. COMMERCIAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA HAS CORRESPONDING RELATIONSHIOS WITH MORGAN GUARANTY TURST, CHEMICAL EXCHANGE BANK, ETC. ATO BELETE SHOULD ALSO MEET TREASURY, AID AND PRIVATE FOUNDATION MONETARY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS. SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE DEVELOPMENT ROLES PLAYED BY BANKS IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL AMERICAN CITIES.

B. ATO AREFAYNE ABRAHAM, GENERAL MANAGER, WABASHY ELECTRICAL COMPANY: WISHES OBSERVE SATELLITE COMMUNICATION IN-STALLATIONS AS WELL AS MEET SPECIALISTS IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS (BOTH TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL) AT THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL LEVELS. ATO AREFAYNE SHOULD VISIT PROCESSING CENTER FOR ERTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA. ALSO INTERESTED IN ELECTRICAL ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

C. ATO SHEBELE TEMTEMIE, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF MINING, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT: ATO SHEBELE MOST INTERESTED IN OBSERVING MINING MACHINERY FABRICATION AND OPERATIONS AS WELL AS CHEMICAL PROCESSING INVOLVING SALT BY-PRODUCTS. HE SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FEDERAL AND STATE BUREAUS OF MINES AND DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MEET FISCAL ECONOMIC PLANNERS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT OF US MINING INDUSTRY.

D. ATO GEBRE-MIKAEL KIDANU, ADMINISTRATOR, ETHIOPIAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION: INTERESTED IN ALL ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION OF TOURIST OPERATIONS. AT GEBRE-MIKAEL SHOULD MEET TOURIST OPERATORS SPECIALIZING IN OVERSEAS AND US TOURIST PROMOTIONS IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS. HE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE TAKEN TO TOURIST ATTRACTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

6. POST RECOGNIZES THIS SCHEDULE GENERAL. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTION FOLLOWS IN NEAR FUTURE.

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